# LIFE

Sweetening the Marah's of Life. Ex.15:22-27.

The Cul-de-sacs of Life. Job 3:23

Rehabilitating the Waste Areas of Life. Ezekiel 36:11.

# REHABILITATING THE WASTE AREAS OF LIFE.

Ezek.36:11 "I will cause you to be inhabited after your former estate, and will do better untb you than at your beginnings."

Isaiah-61:4 "They shall build the old waste places, they shall shall raise up former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations."

INTRO:- Jehovah's promise to the abandoned Land and its exiled people.

1. The former fruitfulness of the land under Hebrew cultivation.
2. The land abandoned and laid waste during the Captivity.

"The Deserted Village"

"Sweet smiling village, loveliest of the lawn;
Thy sports are fled, and all thy charms withdrawn;
Amid thy bowers, the tyrant's hand is seen,
And desolation saddens all thy green:
No more thy glassy brook reflects the day,
But, choked with sedges, works its weedy way;
Along thy glades a solitary guest,
The hollow-sounding bittern guards its nest.
Amidst thy desert walks the lapwing flies,
And tires their echoes with unvaried cries.
Sunk are thy bowers in shapeless ruin all,
And the long grass o'ertops the mouldering wall."

3. Jehovah's Promise. (Read texts) to land and people.

BODY:-

I. The Abandoning Process of Life.

1. Leaving all behind us.

"When I was a child, I spake as a child, I felt as a child, I thot as a child; but now that I am become a man, I have put away childish things."

a/ the external waste.
b/ the internal waste.

"Man is a ruin, altho a noble one." John Duncan.

"With much in us run to waste, with many a weed,
And plenty of passions run toseed,
And a little good grain too." R.Browning.

2. <u>The unconscious and invisible gathering</u>.

We are mostly the product of unconscious assimilations.

II. <u>Rehabilitation and the second ingathering</u>.

1. <u>Living our lives over again our opportunity and duty</u>.
   a/ the second separation of the milk.
   b/ the second gathering and scattering a conscious process of observation, comparison, reflection, and assimilation according to best selection.

2. <u>Childhood rehabilitated.</u>
   a/ we may discover that not all our childishness has been put aside, and further, that we failed to take with us much of that childlikeness so essential to the making of good manhood and womanhood.
   b/ the study of Child Nature. Baby.

3. <u>The Home rehabilitated</u>.
   a/ the old home restored.
   "Wealth is not Happiness" Read.Favorite Poems.

   "Home should be an oritorio of the memory, singing to all after life melodies and harmonies of old remembered joys." Henry Ward Beecher.

   "Home interprets Heaven. Home is Heaven for beginners." Charles H. Parkhurst.

   b/ our place better filled the second time.
   c/ the rediscovery of mother and father.

4. <u>Former Ideals rehabilitated</u>.
   a/ life's period of idealization.
      When occupied. When abandoned.
   b/ The significance of Ideals.
   "Our ideals are our best selves." A.B.Alcott.
   "Ideals are the world's masters". J.G.Holland.
   Jesus Christ being the Ideal Man is master of the world.
   b/ Our ideals were our highest convictions and can be made so again. Reinstate them!

5. <u>The waste areas of self-culture rehabilitated</u>.
   a/ the abandoned arts. Painting, drawing, stitching.
      Every art purifies, beautifies and elevates.
   b/ our abandoned music and poetry.
   c/ our neglected taste for good literature.

6. <u>The abandoned areas of religious experiences revived</u>.
   a/ when religious principles were realities.
      Repentence: Forgiveness: Salvation:
      Faith: Prayer: Study of God's Word: Obedience: Service.
   b/ let us change our religion of stone to a religion of flesh and blood. Set clay and hardened cement.

7. <u>The abandoned areas of Relationships</u>.
   a/ Friendships.
      Our neglected and unappreciated friends.
      Our abandoned friends.
   b/ Kinships.
      with loved ones.
      with God. Read "Golden Treasury", page 248.

## CONCLUSION.

Let us so live our lives over again, restoring the o
the old waste places of mountain and hill and valley and
plain and city of our once inhabited Israels as to sep-
arate from them the unworthy and useless and gather for t
the further enriching of our ~~lives~~ being everything ~~from the~~
~~past~~ which ~~will~~ tends to increase our sense of and appreciation for
Friends, Home and loved ones, Humanity, Life, and God.